Eastern Routes were sanctioned in Rail Budget 2006-07 at an estmiated cost of Rs. 22,000 crores. Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey is being done for the project.

Laying on Wardha-Nanded-Yavatmal rail line

533. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th May, 2006 and state:

(a) whether Government have since forwarded the project regarding laying of rail line in Wardha-Nanded-Yavatmal to the Planning Commission for approval as promised by him in the budget session; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Traffic and Engineering Survey reports have been drawn. Final report is expected by end of July, 2006.

Kaifiyat Express

534. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the public while travelling from Delhi to Azamgarh (U.P.) in Kaifiyat Express and back, have to face a lot of problems to get a seat or berth due to less number of bogies in that train;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government to add at least one more IInd class bogie in that train for the convenience of the public; and

(c) if so, by when an extra bogie shall be added to the train?